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STUDIES COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Meeting Dates: [June 10, 2009](#)

Purpose. *This compilation of briefings on legislative interim committee meetings and other meetings and topics of interest to the Iowa General Assembly, written by the Legal Services Division staff of the nonpartisan Legislative Services Agency, describes committee activities or topics. The briefings were originally distributed in the Iowa Legislative Interim Calendar and Briefing. Official minutes, reports, and other detailed information concerning the committee or topic addressed by a briefing can be obtained from the committee's Internet page listed above, from the Iowa General Assembly's Internet page at <http://www.legis.state.ia.us/>, or from the agency connected with the meeting or topic described.*

STUDIES COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

June 10, 2009

Chairperson: Speaker Patrick J. Murphy

Vice Chairperson: Senator Michael E. Gronstal

Overview. The Studies Committee considered mandates and proposals for 2009 Interim studies contained in legislation and other requests, and recommended the actions listed in this briefing. The recommendations were approved by the Legislative Council.

Studies Deadline. The deadline for completion of the 2009 Interim studies is November 30, 2009.

2009 Interim Studies. Studies were authorized for the 2009 Interim with the indicated number of members and meeting days to address the following topics:

Carryover Study from 2007 and 2008 Interims

Criminal Code Reorganization Study Committee

Charge: Continue meeting to consider proposals for Criminal Code revisions, reorganization, and updates.

Members: 3 Senate/3 House/8 Voting Public Members appointed by leaders to represent each of the following: Professor from University of Iowa College of Law, Professor from Drake University Law School, district court judge, Iowa Attorney General, State Public Defender, Iowa County Attorneys Association, Iowa Board of Parole, and Department of Corrections. The Committee and its subcommittees are authorized to hold meetings outside the Des Moines area.

Meeting Days: 1 (beginning 7/1/09)

Statutory Committees

Legislative Health Care Coverage Commission

Charge: The Commission is required to develop an Iowa health care reform strategic plan, addressing various aspects listed in the legislation. The Commission is created under the authority of the Legislative Council, with administrative support to be provided by the Legislative Services Agency (LSA). The Legislative Council is required to appoint a chairperson and vice chairperson from the voting membership. An appropriation of \$200,000 for costs associated with the Commission, including any per diem or other expenses associated with meetings, is made to LSA in 2009 Iowa Acts, H.F. 820, §65, as amended by S.F. 478, §160. The Commission is required to complete its deliberations by July 1, 2011, provide quarterly reports, and provide progress reports on January 1, 2010, and 2011.

Members: 11 members of the public as voting members, 2 Senate/2 House as ex officio, nonvoting members, 3 agency directors or their designees as ex officio, nonvoting members (directors of the Department of Human Services and the Department of Public Health and Commissioner of Insurance)

Meeting Days: 3

Job Training Needs Study Committee

Charge: Examine various job training issues and needs, with a particular focus on underserved populations in Iowa. Underserved populations include people earning less than \$20,000 per year, minorities, women, persons with disabilities, the elderly, and persons convicted of felonies who are trying to reenter society after release from prison.

Members: 5 Senate/5 House

Meeting Days: 1

Public Retirement Systems Committee

Charge: Review and evaluate all public retirement systems in place in Iowa, including the Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System (IPERS), the Municipal Fire and Police Retirement System of Iowa (411), the Department of Public Safety Peace Officers' Retirement System (PORS), the Judicial Retirement System, and TIAA-CREF.

Members: 5 Senate/5 House

Meeting Days: 2

School Finance Formula Review Committee

Charge: Prepare a school finance formula status report and provide recommendations in accordance with the requirements of Code Section 257.1(4), including receiving assistance from the Departments of Education, Management, and Revenue; providing recommendations for school finance formula changes or revisions based upon demographic changes, enrollment trends, and property tax valuation fluctuations observed during the preceding five-year interval; providing an analysis of the operation of the school finance formula during the preceding five-year interval; and incorporating a summary of issues that have arisen since the previous review and potential approaches for their resolution.

Members: 5 Senate/5 House

Meeting Days: 1

Other Interim Studies

Government Oversight Standing Committees

Charge: Continue holding joint meetings during the 2009 Interim to conduct targeted oversight.

Members: 5 Senate/9 House

Meeting Days: 2 (beginning 7/1/09)

State Government Reorganization Commission

Charge: Consider options for reorganizing state government to improve efficiency, modernize processes, eliminate duplication and outdated processes, reduce costs, and increase accountability. The review shall address the expanded use of the Internet and other technology, and the incorporation of productivity improvement measures. The study shall include a process to receive state government efficiency suggestions offered by the public and public employees.

Members: 5 Senate/5 House

Meeting Days: 2

Care of Animals in Commercial Enterprises Study Committee

Charge: Consider regulation and other issues connected with the care of dogs, cats, and other pets in nonagricultural commercial establishments and enterprises. The study committee shall consult with representatives of the Iowa Voters for Companion Animals, the Animal Rescue League of Iowa, the Humane Society of the United States, the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association, the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, and the Iowa Pet Breeders Association.

Members: 5 Senate/5 House

Meeting Days: 1

Prescription Medication Usage Study Committee

Charge: Identify strategies and solutions to address problems arising from inappropriate medication use in the health care system. The study committee shall invite testimony from relevant experts, including the Department of Public Health, the Iowa Pharmacy Association, the Iowa Medical Society, Wellmark Blue Cross-Blue Shield, the Principal Financial Group, the University of Iowa College of Public Health, the Iowa Retail Federation, the Prevention and

Chronic Care Management Advisory Council (Code Section 135.161), the Medical Home System Advisory Council (Code Section 135.159), the Iowa Healthcare Collaborative (Code Section 135.40), the Health Policy Corporation of Iowa, the Iowa Foundation for Medical Care, Outcomes Pharmaceutical Health Care, and the National Association of Chain Drug Stores.

Members: 3 Senate/3 House

Meeting Days: 1

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